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Governor Schwarzenegger Declares State of Emergency in Seven Counties Affected by Storms

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today declared a state of emergency in the counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Napa, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Trinity, as a result of a series of severe rainstorms in that area that commenced on December 19, 2005. Below is the full text of the proclamation and attached is a PDF version.

A PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

I, **ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER**, Governor of the State of California, find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist within the counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Napa, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Trinity, as a result of a series of severe rainstorms in that area that commenced on December 19, 2005. The series of storms brought unusually heavy rains that caused flooding, mudslides, the accumulation of debris, washed out and damaged roads, and the loss of human life. These counties have proclaimed local emergencies and have requested that I proclaim a state of emergency, because the magnitude of this disaster exceeds the capabilities of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of these counties. Under the authority of the California Emergency Services Act, set forth at Title 2, Division 1,

Chapter 7 of the California Government Code, commencing with section 8550, I hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists within the counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Napa, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Trinity.

Pursuant to this proclamation, I hereby direct all agencies of the state government to utilize and employ state personnel, equipment and facilities for the performance of any and all necessary activities to alleviate this emergency as directed by my Office of Emergency Services and in accordance with the State Emergency Plan.

I **FURTHER DIRECT** that as soon as hereafter possible, this proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 2nd day of January, 2006.

/s/ **ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER**
Governor of California

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